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Subject: Laboratory On-site Assessment Close Out

Dr. Labik: An assessment of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Laboratory Services (OLS), was conducted on September 18-19, 2012. This inspection was conducted by Certification Officers (COs) from the EPA Office of Analytical Services and Quality Assurance (OASQA, Fort Meade Maryland). The purpose of this inspection was to determine the capability of the laboratory to perform its mission as it relates to the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The EPA review team prepared summary reports that were distributed on October 17, 2012. The West Virginia program provided an initial corrective action plan and supporting materials on November 16, 2012. The EPA COs prepared "Update Reports" distributed on December 12, 2012 that provided feedback in response to the corrective actions already implemented and planned. Additional follow-up documentation was provided by the OLS during December-March. The final requested SOP revision was received by EPA on March 12, 2013.

The actions and documentation of implementation regarding the review team's findings have been found fully acceptable and the responses to the provided suggestions were very positive and appreciated.

This summary serves to close out the laboratory on-site assessment.

Please thank your analysts and managers for their hard work and help in this effort. We continue to be impressed by the professionalism, knowledge, skills and abilities of all the West Virginia laboratory personnel.

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